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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM: []
Office of General Counsel

SUBJECT: 27 March 1980 Telephone Call
to Michael Dennis

1. On 27 March 1980 I returned a telephone call to Mr. Michael Dennis, attorney for Tscherim Soobzokov. Mr. Dennis had called the previous day to the Information and Privacy Division concerning an FOIA request on his client. When I heard of this call I asked that Mr. Dennis' return call be transferred to this Office. Mr. Dennis called again on 27 March 1980, and I returned his call later that day.

2. I introduced myself as an attorney in the Office of General Counsel, Central Intelligence Agency, and asked how we might be of assistance to him. He referred me to an earlier conversation he had with Mr. Owens of the Information and Privacy Division in October 1979 concerning the FOIA request of Mr. Eugene Schieman. At that time Mr. Owens had stated that the request was in processing. The purpose of today's telephone call was to ask whether the processing had disclosed the existence of "Form V-30" which Mr. Soobzokov had filed with the vice counsel in Amman, Jordan in 1952. I informed Mr. Dennis that I did not know the status of that request and the fact that it was in processing did not, in fact, mean that the search had yet been completed.

3. Mr. Dennis then informed me that he was of the opinion that a search of some sort had been completed as he was in possession of two documents, letters from the Office of the Attorney General, signed by Benjamin Civiletti: the first letter being a request to the FBI to obtain information on Soobzokov known to exist in the files of the CIA; the second letter dated 19 January 1978 cancelling that request and stating that the information previously requested through the FBI had already been supplied to DOJ by the CIA.

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4. I told Mr. Dennis that I did not know whether the form he was interested in existed in our files and that the proper channel for obtaining that information was through the FOIA or the Privacy Act and suggested that he initiate a request through the Information and Privacy coordinator, CIA. In order to speed up the processing of his request I suggested that Mr. Dennis supply any additional information that might aid in our search and if possible, enclose a copy of the form. Mr. Dennis agreed to do so immediately and said that he would also obtain from Mr. Soobzokov a notarized release for any private information that may be contained in our files.

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